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Hungming J. Liaw, et al.

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Novel Bacterial Strains, Methods of Preparing the Same and Use  
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Sir:

This is filed in response to the Non-Final Official Action mailed August 23, 2004, in connection with the above-captioned Application, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire November 23, 2004. Applicants believe that this response is timely without an extension. If an extension is necessary for this response to be timely, please grant an extension of the necessary length and deduct the cost from Deposit Account No. 02-4553.

Favorable consideration of the enclosed remarks and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is hereby requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this Response.